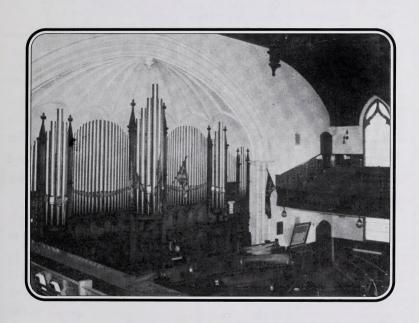
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Membership is only \$5.00 a year. It entitles a supporter to receive the Foundation's quarterly magazine which includes notices of Foundation activities and forthcomings exhibitions at the Foundation's office and gallery and heritage activities throughout the Province.

Albertans are invited to contact the Foundation's office with their enquiries, news and information of subjects and events which they want to share through the pages of the magazine.

Please direct all enquiries to: Alberta Historical Resources Foundation 102 - 8th Avenue S.E. Calgary, Alberta T2G 0K6 Telephone (403) 297-7320

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FRONT COVER: The interior of the First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, The Foundation has provided a \$10,000 grant towards a feasibility study to identify and priorize work that is necessary to maintain and restore the church, built in 1912. (Designated Registered Historic Resource, 1978). Photo Credit: Alberta Culture.

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New Year Greetings!!

The Foundation's

Board and Staff
wishes all its members a happy,
healthy and preservation-conscious New Year.

We take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and contributions throughout the past year. We look forward to working with you again in

1989, to make this the best year yet in preserving Alberta's history.

Board Member Resigns

The Chairman of the Foundation's Board has regretfully accepted the resignation of Dr.Walter Jamieson, who has served two consecutive terms as a Board member.

The Board thanks Dr. Jamieson for his devotion and commitment to the Foundation's work and objectives in preservation matters.

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A Message To Our Members

Our members are an integral part of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and we rely on them to assist in fulfilling our mandate.

As set out in the Historical Resources Act, the objects of the Foundation include the promotion of the public's awareness of Alberta's history and culture and to stimulate the interest of the public in our historical and architectural heritage.

To do this we need a broadly based membership throughout the province. We need members who will keep the Board and staff informed of heritage issues in all corners of the province, and spread the word about the Foundation so that we can assist in the preservation of Alberta's heritage.

We ask that for now you do two things. Firstly, if your membership has expired, PLEASE RENEW. And secondly, get a friend (or two) to join. Membership is only \$5.00 a year, but you can always add a bit more as a donation. Members' fees and donations are all part of our source of funding.

An application form is enclosed with this issue of **The Cornerstone**.

Elise Corbet, Chairperson, Public Awareness Committee, Board of Directors.

Notice

The Spring Issue of **The Cornerstone** will be mailed out March 17th, 1989. Therefore, submissions for the Spring Issue should be sent to the Editor, no later than February 1, 1989.

New Law Protects Heritage Railway Stations



The C.P.R. Train Station, Claresholm built in 1911-12, using the sandstone and other materials of the dismantled Calgary Station build in 1893. The Foundation has recently provided a \$10,000 grant towards a feasibility study to determine the needs of upgrading the station and its surroundings. Photo Credit: Alberta Culture

On September 22, 1988, Bill C-205, an Act to protect heritage railway stations, was given Royal Assent. The Law is expected to come into effect January 1, 1989.

The passing of Bill C-205 ends years of frustration for heritage groups. Until this law was passed, the railway stations, owned by Federally - regulated railway companies, could not be designated or legally protected.

The passing of Bill C-205:

- enables the Federal Minister of the Environment to designate heritage railway stations on the advice of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.
- provides an orderly review process when a railway company wishes to "remove, destroy or alter or sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of a heritage railway station owned by it or otherwise under its control."

The railway company owning the designated station has to apply to the Federal Minister of the Environment for authorization to undertake any proposed action. The final decision on an application is made by the Cabinet, on the advice of the Minister.

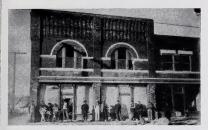
Any individual may object to the application of a railway, which must give "public notice" of its intention to file an application. The Historic Sites and Monuments Board "shall give all interested persons a reasonable opportunity" to make representations to it and may hold a public meeting "to determine whether the Minister should recommend that the Federal cabinet grant the railway company authorization."

Violations under the Act are dealt with firmly, with railway companies liable to a "fine of not less than \$50,000 and not more than \$1,000,000.

Condensed with permission from Doug Franklin's article, "New Law Protects Heritage Railway Stations," <u>The Heritage Canada Foundation Newsletter</u>, Vol. 3, No. 4, October, 1988.

Mainstreet Programme Update

New Life For Historic Downtown Buildings



The Spencer Hotel in Cardston, designed by Samuel Newton, circa 1911. Photocredit: Glenbow - Alberta Instutute.



The restoration in fall, 1988, has charmed the town. The project was assisted by funding from Alberta Career Development.



The bandstand in Blairmore, in the Crowsnest Pass, during a demonstration in 1932. The structure had an active history as a community focal point. Photo credit: Glenbow - Alberta Insitute.



Tha bandstand restored to 1921 period and ready again for use as a community resource.



The McLear Block on Lacombe's Mainstreet in 1914. Photo credit: Glenbow - Alberta Institute.



This evocative restoration completed in 1988, stands as a period landmark of Lacombe's heritage.

Regional News

(Submitted by Shirley Swanson, Red Deer Regional Representative)

Strome Memorial Hall A Registered Historical Resource



Photo Credit: Dennis Rawe

A plaque presentation ceremony, marking the Strome Memorial Hall a Registered Historic Resource, was held in Strome, October 22, 1988. During the ceremony Steve West, M.L.A., presented the plaque to the Strome Museum Society.

The hall, built by volunteers and public subscription, was officially opened in 1920, to honour men from the area who served overseas and for those who did not return from WWI.

Fire destroyed the hall in 1935 but it was quickly rebuild on the site, using the original chimney. The hall was extended 20 feet at this time, to include a projection room. The 30' x 60' hall, with full basement, has remained much the same as it was 53 years ago.

For over 70 years, the Memorial Hall has been the cultural and social life of Strome and district. Although a new entertainment hall was built in Strome in 1986, the Strome community made a strong commitment to preserve the hall, which was slated for demolition. This interest resulted in the formation of the Strome & District Historical Society.

With a grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, the hall is being renovated to meet today's fire and insulation requirements.

The Society uses the hall as a museum which was officially opened June 21, 1987, as a tribute to the pioneers of Strome and district. The museum is open daily from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by request.

- Information supplied by Dennis Rawe, Strome Museum

Meeting Creek Railroad Station Restored



Photo Credit: C. & S. Swanson

With funding from the Foundation and local fund-raising, the Canadian Northern Historical Society has restored the 75-year-old Meeting Creek railway station.

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Regional News

Early Schools Remembered

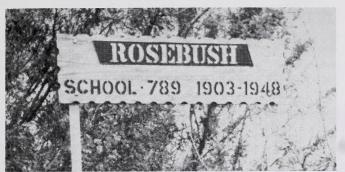


Photo Credit: C. & S. Swanson

The Edberg Historical Society has erected 22 school district markers to mark the location of schools that once dotted the Edberg, Meeting Creek and Donalda vicinity. The project was funded from the profit made from the sale of the Society's local history book.

The above sign reads "Rosebush School, School District #789, in operation from 1903 - 1948."

Meeting Creek Station Continued

The Historical Society was formed in 1985 for the purpose of restoring the old building.

The station was built in 1913, three years after the arrival of the C.N.R. (C. NoR.) line between Vegreville and Calgary. The Standard Third Class Station was one of the C.NoR's many Plan 100-29 buildings, erected in a flurry of construction across the prairies between 1910 and 1918.

When the company was purchased by the C.N.R. in 1918, the design was modified slightly and re-issued as Plan 100-72. In 1923 the C.N.R. adopted new standards and the old design was abandoned. Of the 35 stations erected in Alberta, the Meet-

ing Creek Station is the only one remaining on its original site.

In 1986, when C.N.R. sold the line to the Central Western Railway (C.W.R), the station had been badly vandalized.

Tom Payne, owner, plans to purchase a passenger coach and use the station as a starting point for tours of his 100 mile length of railroad. The Historical Society, responsible for the station's restoration, works in conjunction with the C.W.R.

The Station's waiting room, office and freight shed will eventually be furnished and modelled after a typical 1950's branchline depot.

> Condensed with permisision from Ken Bonnett's article "Meeting Creek Station Survives Wars, Man," <u>The</u> Camrose Canadian, August 31, 1988

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Application Grants App

109 grant applications were received by the Foundation by were approved by the Board of the Foundation. The number of follows:

28	Historic	Resource	Preservation
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10 Feasibility and Planning Studies

12 Cemeteries Education

\$209,300.00 95,000.00 20,646.00



A DOOR TO THE WILD, A publication by the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies. \$1,000. A book about back-country buildings of the Canadian Rockies. Photo Credit: Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Banff.



STANDARD BLACKSMITH SHOP, Standard. \$10,000 to conduct an architectural/engineering feasibility study to assess the exact condition of the building and the cost of restoration for it to be used as a museum.



STEWART SCHOOL, Peace River. (Circa 1919). \$10,000 towards the cost of relocating, restoration and upgrading the building to be used as a "living museum."



IRRICANA UNITED CHURCH, Irricana. \$6,000 towards the cost of structural repairs to the roof and columns to preserve the structural integrity of the church built in 1919. (Designated Registered Historic Resource: 1985)

poved By The Foundation

September 1st. 1988, deadline. 82 of these, totalling \$410,153.00 clications and the amounts funded for each category are listed as

7	Heritage Awareness	\$43,200.00
20	Publications	20,157.00
4	Research	19,500.00
1	Workshops, Seminars, Conferences	2.350.00



SPRINGWATER SCHOOL, Delia. (Built in 1922). \$6,800.00 towards restoration/preservation programme to upgrade the building to current standards. (Designated Registered Historic Resource: 1987).



RUSSO-GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH of STAR. \$5,000 towards repairing deteriorated windows in the dome and re-roofing the church, built in 1913.



CHINESE FREE MASONS BUILD-ING, Lethbridge. (Circa 1910). \$8,500.00 to undertake a preliminary rehabilitation study to assess the building's structural condition and cost of restoration. (Designated Provincial Historic Resouce: 1987.)

The above are examples of projects being funded.

Photo Credit: Alberta Culture unless otherwise stated.

Board Members In Action

Dickson Store Designated



Photo Credit: Redvers Perry
A ceremony designating the

Dickson Store a Provincial Historical Resource, took place September 4th in Dickson. Nigell Pengelly, M.L.A. and Dr. Frits Pannekoek, Historic Sites Service, Alberta Culture, conducted the ceremony and presented the Historic Resource plaque. The

Foundation was represented by Redvers Perry, a Board Member.

The general store was opened in 1909 by Carl Christiansen, one of the first Danish settlers in the area. His son, Gordon, kept the store open until 1980, at which time he turned it over to the Danish Heritage Society of Dickson. The Society hopes to reopen the store as a museum in recognition of Dickson's Danish heritage.

With funding from the Foundation, Alberta Culture and the Alberta Business Development Corporation, the store has been set back from the road and the exterior restored.

The hamlet is the oldest Danish settlement in Western Canada and home to Canada's first Danish Lutheran congregation.

Doukhobor Pioneers Honoured



Photo Credit: David Goa, Provincial Museum of Alberta

An unveiling of a Commemorative plaque to honour Doukhobor pioneers was held October 29th, 1988, at the Lordly Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood Cemetery, Arrowwood, south of Gleichen. Andrei Savenkoff, representing the Doukhobor community, and Redvers Perry, Board Member, unveiled the plaque.

A group of Doukhobors, under the leadership of Anastasia Lords, came to the Arrowwood area in 1926, where they farmed and built a village, just south of where the plaque is placed. The village was patterned after earlier settlements in Russian and Saskatchewan. Due to insufficient land and poor crops, the community ceased to exist by the mid-1940's.

Anastasia Lords died November 24th, 1965, and is buried in the cemetery along with other village pioneers. The Foundation helped fund the plaque that honors these early Alberta pioneers.

Items of Interest

University of Alberta To Get World Class Museum

The University of Alberta will soon have a world class museum and art gallery, thanks to Alfred Timms, an oil rich farmer from Erskine.

Mr. Timms left his fortune and 800 acre mixed farm to the University with the understanding a building would be named after him. His daughter, who lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin, is thrilled with the museum plan and that the name Timms will be carried on.

The 100,000 square feet, \$21.5 million museum will be built in a park-like setting on the campus. The building will have 10,000 square feet of exhibition space, a conservation unit, art storage facilities with studio teaching areas and a 260 seat auditorium. It will also house the university's art collection and its ethnological collection of Indian and Inuit art artifacts.

The building is scheduled to open in 1992. According to its architect, Barry Johns, "its more than a museum. It's four buildings under one roof. There's no precedent for it anywhere in the world."

- Condensed with permission from Paula Simons' article "Mr. Timms Finest Hour," Alberta Report, September 26, 1988.

A New Village Museum in The Making

The end of Steel Heritage Society, Hines Creek, a non-profit organization, is in the process of establishing a museum village and park to restore, preserve and display early settler effects from the area.

The Society is at present restoring

a church as part of the village. Donations to the project are tax deductible.

To become a member or volunteer of the Society contact:

End of steel Heritage Society P.O. Box 686, Hines Creek, Alberta T0H 2A0 Telephone: (403) 494-3522

New Historical Society Founded

The Inaugural Meeting of the Alberta and Northwest Conference (The United Church of Canada) Historical Society, was held October 22, 1988, at the Renfrew United Church, Calgary.

The Society's founding officers are:

President:

Reverend Dr. Stephen Wilk, Calgary

Vice-President:

Dr. Robert MacDonald, Calgary Secretary-Treasurer:

Reverend Herman J. Miller, Carstairs

Board of Directors:

Mr. Paul Gibson, Calgary Mr. Bruce Peel, Edmonton Reverend Dr. Gerald Hutchinson, Thorsby

Mr. Len McDougall, Didsbury

The Society's motto is "Dedicated to making history live." Details of the Society's aims and objectives will appear in the Spring issue of **The Cornerstone**.

Items of Interest

Edmonton Heritage Network

Each year the Edmonton Historical Board honours persons or groups who have made a substantial voluntary contribution to the City of Edmonton by:

- being the first to provide situations or events that have contributed to the historical picture of the city,
- 2. promoting the gathering, collecting, retention and publication of the history of Edmonton and surrounding area.

To be eligible for nomination a person must:

- Have been a resident of the City of Edmonton for several years,
- Be nominated by any individual or group within the City of Edmonton or district,
- The nomination must include a dossier of activities, as detailed as possible, covering the individual's accomplishments or record of service.

All submissions must be received by the Board and the Recognition Awards Committee by February 1, 1989. For further information contact:

> Georgia Baird 10105 - 112 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5G 0H1

Mobile Exhibits Available

The Foundation has two mobile picture display units available for public events, providing there is a person in attendance during the time the units are on display.

The exhibits are as follows:

1. 100 Years of Alberta Women

- -- 50 12" x 16" photographs, with inscriptions, of Alberta women who have made significant contributions to the development of the province.
- a catalogue will accompany the exhibit.

2. Historic Alberta

- -- a collection of 40 pen and ink drawings by James Marshall, a Medicine Hat artist.
- -- size approximately 20" x 24" each
- -- a catalogue will accompany the exhibit.

The two exhibits may be borrowed at no cost. The borrower is responsible for transportation costs.

To reserve the display units, contact:

Dorothy Farnish, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, 102 8th Avenue S.E. Calgary, Alberta T2G 0K6 (403) 297-7320

Heritage Educational Programmes

Historic Preservation Programmes Offered

The University of Calgary offers three (3) Historic Preservation Programmes. Both the Certificate and the Intern Programmes are supported by Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism. The Certificate Program supported in part by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

The Faculty of Environmental Design offers the following two (2) programmes.

- 1. Historical Resource Intern Programme
 - a unique work/study training experience
- 2. A degree in Urban and Regional Planning with an area of specialization in historic preservation.

The Faculty of Continuing Education offers a Certificate programme in Historic Resource Management.

1989 Certificate Courses in Historic Resource Management are as follows:

The Care of Historical Collections January 26 - 27, Edmonton **Tin and Metal Conservation** February 20 - 24, Edmonton **Planning for Cultural** Tourism March 16 - 17, Calgary Material Culture

For further information contact: The Faculty of Continuing Education, Certificate Programmes or Dr. Walter Jamieson, Director, Historical Resources Intern Programme,

April 5 - 7, Edmonton

Faculty of Environmental Design,

The University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4 (403) 220-4719 or 220-7426

Archival Courses Offered

The Alberta Society of Archivists has developed an Education Program to provide educational and training opportunities for members of the Society and others interested in archival activities.

The Education Program consists of:

- (1) scheduled workshops covering basic functions and activities of archives adminstration:
- (2) regular, unscheduled programs addressing advanced and/or special aspects of archives administration;
- (3) self-study kits of literature on aspects of archives administration; and
- (4) other training activities as are developed from time to time.

Participants may take individual workshops related to their specific needs, or may follow the program over the full five years.

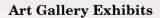
Archivists and other professionals with extensive experience will lead

the workshops.

For information regarding the Workshop Core-Curriculum Program, times, locations and registration prerequisites contact:

The Education Committee, Alberta Society of Archivists. c/o Provincial Archives of Ablerta 12845 - 102 Avenue. Edmonton, Alberta T5N 0M6

Calendar of Events



The following exhibits are planned for the Gallery in the Foundation's headquarters, Calgary, during January and February:

January 3 - 27th, 1989

Photographic display of historic windmills by Bill Peters, Calgary

January 30th - March 10, 1989

Artifact and interpretive exhibit by the Calgary Military Museums Society, consisting of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the King's Own Calgary Regiment and the Calgary Highlanders.

Other exhibits will be announced in the Spring issue of **The Cornerstone**.

For further information contact: Dorothy Farnish at the Foundation. Telephone: (403) 297-7320.

Auction Date Changed

The 85 year old drilling rig mentioned in the fall issue of **The Cornerstone** will be auctioned off tentatively March, 1989. It was to be auctioned off in October, 1988.

The postponement is good news, since it gives petroleum history buffs more time to find ways to save this interesting piece of Alberta's history.

For more information on the rig or the auction contact: Micky Gulless, Treasurer, The Petroleum History Society. Phone: (403) 283-9268 or Mike Gorman, McLaren Auction Inc. Phone: (403) 279-0415.

Attention!!

The 1989 Annual General Meeting of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation will be held in conjunction with the Historical Society of Alberta.

WHEN: May 12th - 14th, 1989

WHERE: Lethbridge Lodge

Hotel and the Galt Museum

Program and registration will be sent out March 17th, 1989, with the Spring Issue of **The Cornerstone.**

Fort Calgary Interpretive Centre and Deane House Special Events

The following special events will be held at Fort Calgary Interpretive Centre, 750 - 9th Avenue S.E., Calgary, January through April. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

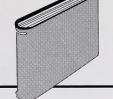
- (1) Temporary Exhibit on the Mountie Image (January and February) - a collection of prints, ceramics and memorabilia.
- (2) "Birds of Alberta", a collection of watercolours from the Provincial Museum. (March and April)
- (3) Fort Calgary presents M & M for Kids, (Theatre for groups of school children) Monday, February 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 14th, 1:30 p.m.

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Books



Recent Library Acquisitions

The Foundation wishes to thank the following people for book donations to its Evelyn de Mille Reference Library:

Nose Creek Historical Society - Seventeenth Local Historical Recognition: In Tribute to Local - Rural Schools 1896 - 1956.

Ruth Keiver, Three Hills - From Russian Steppe to Canadian Range by Isaac Ike Brown and Footprints on Mi-Chig Wun, Memoirs of Sunnyslope Pioneers.

Harry M. Sanders, a copy of his Masters Thesis, *The Role of Hotels in Early Calgary 1875 - 1912*, Department of History, University of Calgary, 1988.

Calendar Continued . . .

For more information regarding Fort Calgary's lecture series, exhibits and children's weekend programs, call (403) 290-1875. The Fort is open daily during the summer months May 1 - Labour Day.

Next door to Fort Calgary is the historic Deane House and Tea Room, which is open year round for lunch, afternoon tea, catering and free guided tours.

Every Friday, from February 3 to April 28, the Deane House offers a 4 course gourmet dinner with Murder Mystery. For Reservations call 269-7747.

Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonton -History of the Holy Rosary Parish in Edmonton 1913 - 1988, Edmonton, 1988.

The Ramsay School Reunion Committee, Calgary - 75th Anniversary, 1913 - Ramsay School - 1988, October 7 - 10th, 1988.

Redvers Perry, Balzac, Scraps Book News Cuttings, From R.V.N.'s Nose Creek F.U.A. (Jan. 2, 1962 - Oct. 10, 1967).

Aubrey Kerr, Calgary, <u>Atlantic 1948</u> <u>No. 3.</u> Self-published, Calgary, 1986.

New Books

Memories - a book of pen and ink drawings by Vilma Ebl. A reminiscent look at pioneer life as remembered by the artist. 40 pps. For a copy contact: Vilma Ebl, RR#1, Condor, Alberta TOM 0P0. Price \$6 postpaid.

Mary Belle Barclay, Founder of Canadian Hostelling, By Evelyn Edgeller (Detselig Enterprises), 90 pps. \$10.95. Contact Evelyn Edgeller, 1424 Moorcroft Rd. S.W., Calgary T2V 0K8. Phone: (403) 255-3761.

Corridors of Time by Aubrey Kerr. Self-published. Its 26 chapters cover oil patch events over the past 120 years, from Petrolia to Prudhoe Bay. Price: \$28.95 plus \$3.00 postage and handling. Contact: Aubrey Kerr, 912 - 80 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2V 0V3. Phone: (403) 253-8900.

NEW BOOKS continued

Clearwater Winter by E.O. Engstrom. The memoirs of E.O. Engstrom, a unique individual who hunted and trapped furs in the Clearwater River area near Fort McMurray from 1926 until his death 1973. Price \$7.95 plus postage.

Contact: The Fort McMurray
Historical Society,
Box 8058,
Fort McMurray, Alberta
T9H 4H9

The Etzikom Historical Society is compiling a history book to be completed in 1990, to mark the 75th Anniversary of Etzikom. To order a copy, an advance deposit of \$25.00 is required. Contact: The Etzikom Historical Society, Box 523, Etzikom, Alberta TOK 0W0.

Book Review

Citymakers: Calgarians after the Frontier

Edited by Max Foran and Sheilagh S. Jameson. Calgary: Chinook Country Chapter, Historical Society of Alberta 1987. Pp. 386. \$16.95 plus \$2.00 postage and handling.

What was Calgary like before the development of the oil industry and the hosting of the 1988 Olympics? Citymakers introduces a wide range of public figures whose spirit shaped the character of the modest prairie centre during the inter-war years. Included are men such as E.L. Richardson who staged Calgary's first ski jump championships from the roof of the Victoria Park grandstand as an attraction of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede in 1921. A.C. Leighton, famed landscape artist, who taught and painted in Calgary is highlighted as well as women like the Barclay sisters who started North America's first youth hostel movement.

The Chinook Country Chapter, Historical Society of Alberta can be proud of this book. It is a collection of biographies, essays and personal The Cornerstone, Page 16 recollections written in a variety of styles by well-known academics, local personalities and interested citizens. It is well organized and contains a cross section of articles so that there should be something of interest for everyone. Those familiar with the early days of the city will identify with the names, places and events and those less familiar will certainly gain insight into life as it was in early Calgary.

- Donna Alexander Zwicker

Copies of **Citymakers** may be obtained from:

Chinook Country Chapter, Historical Society of Alberta, P.O. Box 4481, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5M9

William Peters (403) 289-2481